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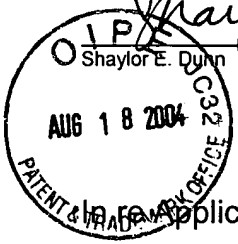
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Group Art Unit: 2142

Serial No.: 09/770,316

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For: METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR PROVIDING CONVERGED NETWORK MANAGEMENT FUNCTIONALITY IN A GATEWAY ROUTING NODE

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

This is responsive to the Restriction/Election Requirement dated June 14, 2004, having a 1-month term for Response that expired on July 14, 2004. A petition for a 2-month Extension of Time extending the deadline for responding to the Restriction/Election Requirement up to and including September 14, 2004 is attached hereto. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested in view of the following Election and Remarks.

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RESTRICTION PRESENTED

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The claims have been restricted into the following groups of inventions:

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Groups

Claims

Subject Matter

I

1-15 and 43-55

Drawn to a method for use at a gateway node in a converged telephony/data network environment for communicating operating status information associated with nodes in a signaling system 7 (SS7) telephony signaling network of the converged network to nodes in a data network of the converged network, classified in class 709, subclass 249

II

16-34 and 56

Drawn to a method for use at a gateway node in a converged telephony/data network for distributing operating status information associated with a node in a signaling system 7 (SS7) network of the converged network to nodes in a data network of the converged network, performing a routing key database lookup using information contained in the SS7 network management message and identifying a node in the data network capable of communicating with the SS7 node and wherein communicating the operating status information to the identified node in the data network includes

communicating the
operating status
information to an IP node
in an Internet protocol
(IP) network, classified in
class 709, subclass
379/220.01

III

35-42 and 57

Drawn to a signaling
gateway, classified in
class 370, subclass 401

APPLICANTS' ELECTION

Applicants hereby elect the invention of Group I, claims 1-15 and 43-55, drawn to a method for use at a gateway node in a converged telephony/data network environment for communicating operating status information associated with nodes in a signaling system 7 (SS7) telephony signaling network of the converged network to nodes in a data network of the converged network, classified in class 709, subclass 249, for prosecution at this time. Accordingly, Applicants hereby cancel non-elected claims 16-34 and 56 and 35-42 and 57, while reserving the right to file related application(s) based on claims 16-34 and 56 and 35-42 and 57.

REMARKS

Claims 1-15 and 43-55 are now pending in the subject U.S. patent application. Claims 1-57 as filed have been subjected to a Restriction/Election Requirement.

In response to the Restriction/Election Requirement, applicants have elected the claims of Group I, claims 1-15 and 43-55, for prosecution at this time.

Applicants hereby reserve the right to file one or more divisional patent applications directed to the unelected subject matter.

CONCLUSIONS

Should there be any minor issues outstanding in this matter, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney. Early passage of the subject application to issue is earnestly solicited.

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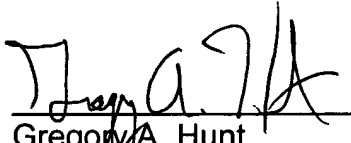
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with the filing of this correspondence to Deposit Account Number 50-0426.

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Addendum

Attachment 1

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